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MEMORANDUM FOR AWC/CV ACSC/CC SOC/CC

FROM: SPAATZ/CC

SUBJECT: Prohibition of Unofficial Study Aids for Distance Learning Programs

1. The use of unofficial study aids by distance learning students in the Air War College, Air Command and Staff College or Squadron Officer College is prohibited. This prohibition applies to all manner of study aids, test preparation and notes that are not specifically provided by the school in either paper or electronic form.
2. This policy does not prevent students from conducting extra research on related topics (i.e., looking for supplementary information on strategy by reading related articles). It does prohibit anything that summarizes or in any other way is directly geared towards specific courseware or tests, often referred to as "Dirty Purples," "Gouge," "Crib Notes," etc. Students may, of course, make notes from the readings for personal use, but may not share personal notes with others.
3. The only exception to the prohibition of unofficial study aids is for designated seminars. Schools are responsible for procedures to designate seminar members. Seminar students who have not taken the test may create and disseminate their personal notes on course materials to their seminar members.
4. It is each student's responsibility to follow the academic integrity policies and adhere to the Air Force core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do. As per AUI 36-2309, students who use unofficial study aids from this point forward will be "subject to adverse administrative action including disenrollment and expulsion from school, disciplinary action and discharge from the service. U.S. military members may be prosecuted under the UCMJ. Violations by civilian employees may result in administrative disciplinary action without regard to otherwise applicable criminal or civil sanctions for violations of related laws."

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